

Old Homeopathic Hospital
123 North Pearl Street
Albany
Albany County, New York

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This institution was established early in 1865 and became of great fame in this section. Because of interest displayed in 1867, a free dispensary, the only one of its kind at that time, for furnishing gratuitous medical services, was established as part of the institution. Since that time the institute has furnished free service to more than 60,000 people.

This part of the institution grew so rapidly that it became necessary to secure a place where hospital treatment could be given to a number of these charity cases, therefore in 1872 a building was purchased for this purpose but in 1875 it was abandoned as a larger building was needed. Such a building was found at 123 North Pearl Street. It was large and complete in its appointments and could accomodate fifty patients.

The building was erected about 1825, is constructed of yellow brick, three stories high. The original doors and windows still remain in the building. One of its chief features is the lovely unsupported stair case, which starts at the first floor and continues to the third, forming almost a complete circular well. Two years ago there was a fire in the building which destroyed the stair case on the first two floors, therefore the accompanying photographs do not show the stair case as it originally was. In altering the building after the fire it was necessary to make a landing on the second floor as shown in the photograph.

The original doors and woodwork remain on the three floors and some of its fine features are shown in the accompanying photographs.

It has been impossible to learn who was the original builder and owner of the building. However, at the present time it is owned by a Mrs. Anna Kirwin, Myrtle Ave., Albany, N.Y. The second floor of this building was occupied by the Historic American Buildings Survey during its operation in Albany in 1936-1937.

Reference to this building may be found in Munsell's Book of Albany and other northern Counties published during the early 1800s.

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